



**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT
PTO FORM 1449**

Atty. Docket No.
11443/155

Serial No.
10/632,271

Applicant(s)
Michael P. Whitman et al.

Filing Date
July 31, 2003

Group Art Unit
3731

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER'S INITIALS	PATENT/ PUBLICATION NUMBER	PATENT/ PUBLICATION DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
AA	3,256,875	6/6/1966 June 21, 1996	Tsepelev et al.			
	4,505,414	March 19, 1985	Filipi			
	4,574,806	March 11, 1986	McCarthy			
	5,437,636	August 1, 1995	Snoke et al.			
	5,540,711	July 30, 1996	Kieturakis et al.			
	5,569,289	October 29, 1996	Yoon			
	5,630,782	May 20, 1997	Adair			
	5,688,286	November 18, 1997	Yoon			
	5,730,755	March 24, 1998	Yoon			
	5,807,402	September 15, 1998	Yoon			
	5,865,728	February 2, 1999	Moll et al.			
	5,868,711	February 9, 1999	Kramer et al.			
	5,957,947	September 28, 1999	Wattiez et al.			
	6,033,420	6/3/2000 May 7, 2000	Hahnen			
	6,063,099	May 16, 2000	Danks et al.			
	6,146,400	November 14, 2000	Hahnen			
	6,162,235	December 19, 2000	Vaiekunas			
	6,168,607	January 2, 2001	Wattiez et al.			
	6,171,282*	January 9, 2001	Ragsdale			
	6,224,608	May 1, 2001	Ciccolella et al.			
✓	6,447,444	September 10, 2002	Avni et al.			
	2002/010440*	January 24, 2002	Segesser			

* Copy of reference is not enclosed because reference is cited in the attached International Search Report (copy of reference provided by International Searching Authority). Copies of the U.S. Patent and U.S. Publication References are not provided pursuant to Official Gazette notice dated August 5, 2003.

EXAMINER /Amanda Adams/	DATE CONSIDERED 08/17/2006
EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with M.P.E.P. 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.	